

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COURT OF APPEALS

In the Matter of B.D.D., Minor.

FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

FREDDIE DANDRIDGE,

Respondent-Appellant,

and

DENISE HICKS,

Respondent.

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No. 241941

Wayne Circuit Court

Family Division

LC No. 01-397762

Before: Cooper, P.J., and Bandstra and Talbot, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

Respondent-appellant appeals as of right from the trial court order terminating his parental rights to the minor child under MCL 712A.19b(3)(a)(ii), (c)(i) and (g). This case is being decided without oral argument pursuant to MCR 7.214(E). We affirm.

The trial court did not clearly err in finding that the statutory grounds for termination were established by clear and convincing evidence. MCR 5.947(I); *In re Miller*, 433 Mich 331, 337; 445 NW2d 161 (1989). The record is clear that respondent-appellant failed to visit his minor child at any point after August 23, 2001 and that he failed to take any affirmative action to plan for her, including simply signing the parent/agency agreement, during the entire time that this matter was pending before the trial court.

Further, because at least one ground for termination was established, the trial court was required to terminate respondent-appellant's parental rights unless it found that termination was clearly not in the child's best interests. MCL 712A.19b(5); *In re Trejo*, 462 Mich 341, 364-

365; 612 NW2d 407 (2000). Thus, the trial court did not err in terminating respondent-appellant's parental rights to the child.

Affirmed.

/s/ Jessica R. Cooper
/s/ Richard A. Bandstra
/s/ Michael J. Talbot